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## ROSEMARY PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. H. C. Maness, of Baltimore, was in Rosemary Monday.

Mr. L. H. Briggs, of Atlanta, spent Monday in town.

Messrs. Stephen E. Burroughs, A. Tucker and Milton McAlister, of Warrenton, were visitors in town Friday night.

Mr. H. E. Green, of Rocky Mount, was here Monday.

Mrs. W. G. Woodard, of Rocky Mount, was in Rosemary Wednesday.

Mr. Max Einstein, of Charlotte, spent Wednesday in town.

Mrs. B. P. Cooper is spending the week with relatives in Richmond.

Mr. Lynwood George spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Mrs. T. J. Rook, of the county, spent Wednesday in town.

Mr. W. D. Upchurch, of Louisville, was in Rosemary Wednesday.

Mr. H. L. Fitzgerald, of Raleigh, spent the week-end in town.

Mrs. G. D. Shell spent several days in Richmond this week.

Mr. A. L. Taylor, spent the week-end in Oxford.

Mr. Roland Shell, of Washington, D. C., visited his mother, Mrs. C. E. Shell, this week.

Mr. W. P. Williams, of Petersburg, was here Monday.

Mr. R. A. Stockwell, of Raleigh, spent Monday here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Spencer and family, of Seaboard, were visitors in Rosemary Tuesday.

Mr. F. M. Morton, of Columbia, S. C., was in town Monday.

Misses Louise and Verona Spang, Mrs. R. L. Topping and children spent Saturday night with friends in Littleton.

Mr. G. W. Hamlin, of Richmond, spent Tuesday in Rosemary.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wright spent Sunday in Norfolk.

Miss Bertha Cox, of Peace Institute, spent the week-end with her father, Mr. Joe E. Cox.

Mr. Joe Shaw, of the New Community, was in town Monday.

Mr. J. G. Jordan, of Henderson, was here yesterday.

Miss Mary Norfleet Grizzard, of Meredith College, Raleigh, spent the week-end with her father.

Mr. W. L. Royster, of Warrenton, was in Rosemary Tuesday.

Mr. C. B. Moore, of Henrico, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. George Savage, of Durham, is visiting her father, Mr. Eury.

Mr. W. R. Rankin, of Gastonia, visited his daughter, Miss Lula Rankin, yesterday.

Mr. David Pool, of Asheville, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Hewitt, at Rosemary.

Mr. L. H. Chesson, of Henderson, spent Wednesday in Rosemary.

Mr. W. L. Davis, of Plymouth, was here Wednesday in town.

Mr. R. A. Pruitt, of Petersburg, was here Wednesday.

Mr. Geo. A. Isley, of Raleigh, was in town for the week-end.

Mr. H. N. Scott, of Durham, was here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon S. Coulter, of Raleigh, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Patchin moved into their new home Monday.

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## Rev. A. G. Carter Protests Appointment of Vest

In Letter to Senator Simmons Rev. A. G. Carter Asks That He do What He can to "Save Us."

### MR. SAUNDERS WRITES NEWS

The following from the Greensboro Daily News of March 22, relative to the appointment of the postmaster at Rosemary will be of interest.

Washington, March 21—What probably is one of the most caustic letters ever submitted in a postoffice appointment was made public here today by Senator F. M. Simmons in connection with the effort to defeat the confirmation of John L. Vest as postmaster at Rosemary, N. C.

The communication is from the Rev. A. G. Carter, pastor of the First Baptist church of Rosemary, who declares that it is a "shame" that Mr. Vest has been nominated. He expressed doubt that 15 patrons of the office want Mr. Vest to serve them and alleges that sentiment is strongly in favor of D. P. Wike, a former service man.

The Rosemary pastor asserts that the nominee, Mr. Vest, is "useless to the community." The choice of the Republican organization for the office the pastor says, spends his Sundays going over the community taking pictures and is seldom, if ever, in a church or doing anything for the morals of the neighborhood.

Senator Simmons as well as Representative Claude Kitchin was declared today to be aroused over the Rosemary appointment and determined to fight confirmation in every possible way. It is alleged that Mr. Vest is not satisfactorily identified with the business and civic life of the community, except as "an itinerant fruit tree and hose peddler," and that he has been nominated over a life-long Republican and ex-service man, Mr. Wike.

Rev. A. G. Carter says that he is a Republican but is protesting to Senator Simmons as one interested in the welfare of the community and not in politics. The letter from the Rosemary minister is an unusual document and a vigorous one. As made public by Senator Simmons, the letter with heading and text reads as follows:

"Rosemary Baptist church, Rev. A. G. Carter, pastor, Rosemary, N. C., March 10th, 1922.

"Senator F. M. Simmons, Washington, D. C.

"My Dear Sir:

"I am sure you have received right much mail from this section of the state already in regard to the postoffice at Rosemary, but I want to say in this last appeal, as it seems that something will be done soon, that if you can possibly save us from what seems to be a 'shame' please do so. It is beyond reason to think of a man who has meant so little to a community in every way—as Mr. Vest has could get a position over a young man who has stood for everything uplifting, who served in the war, and who made the highest grade of any one in the examination.

"It is true that I voted a Republican ticket and have always done so, but I think I am not writing from a political standpoint—I am thinking of the welfare of the community.

Mr. Wike has proven to all parties concerned that the people of this community want him to serve them, and I would not be far wrong to say that Mr. Vest could not get 15 people who are recognized as good citizens to say they wanted him in the office.

"I have been here five years and have never heard of Mr. Vest being in a church or having any part in building up the morals of the community. He takes his Sundays in going over the community making pictures.

"If Mr. Vest gets the place it means that a man that has not had a job (only loafing) for about a year, who is as useless to

## High School Baseball Team Begins Work

Coach W. A. Simpson of the local high school called the baseball team for practice about ten days ago and the following players reported: Pitchers, Matthews, Welch; Catcher, Edmundson; First baseman, Bray; Second basemen, Wyche, Cannon, Bain, Vincent; Short, Gray; Third baseman, Vaughan; Fielders, Hux, Anderson, Speight.

The following schedule of games for the season have been arranged for or are pending:

March 24, Seaboard at Seaboard; March 31, Seaboard at Rosemary; April 1, Red Oak at Rosemary; April 4, Emporia at Rosemary; April 7, Red Oak at Red Oak; April 12, Franklin, Va. at Franklin; April 14, Wilson at Rosemary; April 15, Raleigh at Raleigh; April 17, (Easter), Oxford at Rosemary (pending); April 21, Emporia at Emporia; April 22, Raleigh at Rosemary; April 25, Henderson at Henderson (pending); April 28, Wilson at Wilson; May 3, Henderson at Rosemary (pending); May 6, Rocky Mount at Rosemary; May 10, Oxford at Oxford (pending); May 18, Franklin at Rosemary; May 20, Rocky Mount at Rocky Mount.

## Missionary Program at Baptist Church

At the eleven o'clock hour Sunday morning, March 26, a missionary program will be rendered at the Baptist Church by members of the Sunday School. The public is cordially invited.

a community as Mr. Vest, will get a place in the office as clerk. If Mr. Wike gets the place it means that a young woman who has been acting as postmaster for the last two years and who has given perfect satisfaction will still have a job.

"Please, sir, if you can save us at this time, do so by getting the people there to give this community the man that they want to serve them, who is Mr. D. P. Wike.

"Yours very truly,

"A. G. Carter."

Of interest to our readers will be the following letter relative to the West appointment written by Mr. W. S. Saunders to the Greensboro Daily News.

"Always finding you ready and willing to get before the public facts as regards politics, applicants for office of whatever nature that tends to deal with or affect the public, I herewith submit a few facts in regard to the postoffice and applicants for the said office at Rosemary, N. C. I suppose you have seen and read the misleading and unjust criticism in regard to Mr. John L. Vest, who has been recently appointed Postmaster at Rosemary, N. C.

"They have him classed as an insignificant peddler, but until yet he has never been required to pay a peddler's license. How strange! How wonderfully he has performed to get by in the community without paying a peddler's license!

"Well, honestly speaking, they both, Mr. Vest or Mr. David P. Wike, would in my judgment make an efficient postmaster. They are both, I am sure, good, clever gentlemen.

"As to their examinations, they have practically the same rating, except the five extra points given Mr. Wike for war service. Now I am reliably informed that Mr. Wike never went overseas, and that his work was of a clerical nature.

"As to the letter written by Rev. A. G. Carter to Senator Simmons as a last resort, this letter has not helped Mr. Carter in his ministry here, as it is entirely misleading, and too, the lady to whom he refers that has given such wonderful service to the public is a first cousin of Mr. Carter's wife, and I am informed that should Mr. Wike get the appointment she is to stay on in fact Mr. Carter said so in his letter.

"I am anxious that the Department make an investigation of this matter and do it in the open. I would like to go around with such an agent and see those fellows face to face that are raising such howl.

"There is only one thing that makes Mr. Vest a real bad man that is he is a Republican, otherwise, he would be an ideal man for this post."

## LIGHT DOCKET AT MARCH TERM

Halifax Superior Court Finishes Criminal Docket in Three Days. No Major Cases Tried.

### CIVIL DOCKET STARTED THURS.

With one of the lightest criminal dockets for several terms, Halifax County Superior Court convened on last Monday, with Judge Oliver Allen, of Kingston, presiding. Cases disposed of during the three day session are as follows:

J. C. Bell, Jr., carrying concealed weapons, \$50.00 fine and costs.

D. W. Garner, driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, \$25.00 and costs.

W. H. Barnes, reckless driving (running over a child) judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Willie Lomax, assault with intent to kill, was given three years upon the county roads. This sentence was later changed to five years in the State Prison. Lomax is the Littleton negro who frightfully mutilated with an axe a negro storekeeper, Yelloday, on the outskirts of Littleton. Yelloday has been in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital since the commission of the crime several months ago, and the fact that he is alive today is a striking tribute to the skill of the surgeons on the Hospital staff. His entire jaw bone on one side is gone, together with teeth and an eye. He still has a hole in one side of his head which is to be closed by a skin grafting operation. Lomax's sentence was changed upon the attention of the Judge being brought to the fact that he had broken jail by an assault upon the jailer during the latter part of January, being later recaptured.

Sam Jones, assault and battery, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

James Flipp, larceny, sixty days in jail.

Ed Pierson, Roanoke Rapids negro, temporary larceny of an automobile, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Sallie Pilkinton and Vance Lynam, both erstwhile citizens of this community, prostitution, three months in jail for Sallie, seventeen years old, who pleaded guilty to the same offense in connection with this case, was released in custody of her parents.

E. B. Williams, assault and battery, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Ed Williams, assault and battery, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Guy Harris, selling whiskey, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

George Ward, assault and battery, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Willie Etheredge, larceny and receiving, six months in jail to be hired out.

Alex Daniel, carrying concealed weapons, three months in jail to be hired out.

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## RECORDER'S COURT NEWS ITEMS

The following cases were disposed of in police court during the past week:

W. D. Johnson, charged with being drunk at Roanoke Junction, was fined \$10 and costs.

William Gentry, disorderly, fined \$2.50 and costs.

(Eddie) Alex. Daniel and Zollie Mangum, charged with the attempted robbery of one Tom Nowell between Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary, were sent to jail to await trial at Halifax.

(Eddie) Alex. Daniel, carrying a deadly weapon, was sent on to Halifax for the March term of Superior court.

Charlie Atkins, disorderly, fined \$2.50 and costs.

W. E. Collins, drunk on the streets of Rosemary, paid \$5.00 and costs.

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## TOWN SCORES FIRST PATTERSON TAX CASE

Judge Instructs Verdict Favor Municipality After Hearing in Superior Court This Morning. Goes to Supreme Court on Appeal.

APPROXIMATELY \$3,000.00 IS INVOLVED

The suit of the town of Roanoke Rapids vs. Mr. Jno. L. Patterson to collect taxes alleged by the town to be due upon the personal property of the defendant for the year 1920 resulted in a verdict in favor of the town after a hearing before Judge Allen in Halifax Superior Court this morning.

Evidence was introduced to the effect that Mr. Patterson left Roanoke Rapids on January 3, 1920 and has since that time lived in Richmond, Va. Counsel for the municipality argued that as Mr. Patterson was an actual resident of Roanoke Rapids on January 1, 1920, the date provided by law for the listing of property for taxation, he should have so listed, and that the town was entitled to levy and collect on his personal property for the year 1920. The defense argued that Mr. Patterson was not called upon to list personal property with the municipality as he intended to leave the town before January 1, 1920, had procured a residence in Richmond for temporary occupancy after January 1, 1920, and on January 1, 1920, was engaged in the erection of a building in Rosemary, which contained an apartment for his own use and occupation, expecting at that time to make Rosemary his home.

There was no conflict in testimony and after argument by counsel upon the defendant's motion to non suit, the motion was overruled and the jury instructed to bring in a verdict for the town of Roanoke Rapids. The defense appealed to the Supreme Court.

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